NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BERKSHIRE TOWN REPORT – 2026

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC projects and programs strengthen the capacity of local government and serve local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region have two locally appointed members of the Board of Commissioners.

2026 BERKSHIRE TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- As Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP), provided Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District $790,000 in funding for the Trout Brook Dam Removal Project to improve water quality. Monitored implementation of the project and prepared for long-term maintenance responsibilities.
- Provided technical assistance to East Berkshire Fire District 1 with maintaining operations including revamping its billing and financial systems.
- Provided project management assistance to study options for a walking path between the Elementary School and Town Offices in Berkshire Center, funded by a Municipal Planning Grant.
- Provided technical assistance to update the Flood Hazard chapter of the Town's Zoning Bylaw to ensure continued flood insurance participation.
- Began drafting updates to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Berkshire is a member.
- Completed a Road Erosion Inventory, a requirement under the Town's Municipal Roads General Permit. Met with municipal staff to explain the process and answer questions.
- Coordinated a site visit for Grants-in-Aid funding and prepared preconstruction materials for submission to VTrans.
- Completed a speed study at the intersection of Water Tower and Reservoir Roads.

This year NRPC will assist our member municipalities with grant applications, project management, water quality project implementation, and local road permit compliance. NRPC will support transportation planning, energy planning and project management, zoning bylaw updates, emergency preparedness, and other needed services. NRPC will fund clean-up and redevelopment of brownfields sites and help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for NRPC is greatly appreciated. We are your resource – we are here to help with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, mapping or other needs.

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NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting
- Brownfields site assessments, cleanups and redevelopment plans
- Transportation planning and project management
- Water and wastewater project management
- Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience
- Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects
- Water quality planning, grants and project management
- Regional plans for growth and development
- Geographic Information System maps and data
- Downtown and village revitalization and community development

ASSOCIATED PROJECTS MANAGED BY NRPC

- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
- Lamoille & Missisquoi Valley Rail Trails
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
- Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi & Lamoille River Basins

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Claude Charron & Walter Elander

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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